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Rose will help pick up pieces of CIA - students

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WASHINGTON — Of all the many important and critical assignments that have come to Dr. Frank Rose, the one President Johnson this week asked him to take must rank at, or very near, the top.

The president of the University of Alabama agreed to serve on an 18-man committee that will try to work out satisfactory ways of open government financing of overseas activities of deserving American student and other organizations.

In sum, committee members have the job of picking up the pieces from the wreckage of the controversial, undercover financing of such activities — by the Central Intelligence Agency.

AFTER A series of somewhat overdone "exposes" earlier this year, of this sideline operation of the CIA, President Johnson did more than stop this CIA funding. He ordered an end to all federal agency financial support to educational or private voluntary organizations.

The President named a cabinet level group to investigate what had been done. It found, in short, that what was done may have been well worth doing but was done in

exposure

the wrong way and perhaps through the wrong channels.

The uproar and exposure did great damage not only to the CIA but to many non-profit foundations, student organizations and individuals. They got a sharp public reaction kickback from what they had regarded as acting quietly in the interests of their country.

THE PROBLEM that Dr. Rose and his associates have been asked to resolve is: What is the right way to do the job?

Finding a solution is of vital concern to government and international relations, education and world youth leadership.

The Birmingham News has learned that President Johnson took unusually keen personal interest in choosing this advisory group. He did so because he plans to tell the group to feel free to take a critical look at a wide range of government programs that have an impact on our international relations.

While the selection of Dr. Rose occurred before his public defense of freedom at the University of Alabama the other day, the White House was said to be pleased at the timing of its public announcement.

Rose's appointment to this prestigious group, it was felt,

should point up to Alabama and the nation that the University of Alabama president is highly respected on a national and international level.

The high calibre of the advisory group shows plainly that its mission has top priority at the White House.

Whereas the initial CIA probe was directed by Under Secretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach, the follow-up advisory group is headed by the top man on foreign policy, next to the president, Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

FROM THE executive branch, Johnson also named his newest cabinet favorite, Atty. gen. Ramsey Clark and Budget Director Charles Schultz. Mr. Schultze will keep close check on expenditures.

The four senators and four representatives are powers in congressional influence:

Sen. Carl Hayden, D-Ariz., chairman of the Appropriations Committee; Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., chairman of the Armed Services Committee; J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee; and Milton R. Young, R-N.D., high-ranking GOP member of the Appropriations and Agriculture committees.

Representatives George Mahon, D-Tex., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee; L. Mendel Rivers, D-S. C., chairman of the Armed Services Committee; Thomas Morgan, D-Penn., chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee; and Frank Bow, R-Ohio, senior GOP member of the Appropriations Committee.

Rose was selected as one of eight private citizens on the advisory group.

Others are Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Johns-Hopkins University and brother of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Thomas S. Gates Jr., president of Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. and former secretary of Defense; Dr. James H. McCrocklin, president of Southwest Texas State College (Johnson's alma mater); Paul R. Porter, Washington attorney and former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; Henry S. Rowen, president of the Rand Corp. and former deputy secretary of defense for plans and national security affairs; Dr. Herman B. Wells, chairman of the Board, Education and World Affairs, and chancellor of Indiana University; and Robert M. Travis, president-elect of the student body, University of North Carolina.